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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

George Collins
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Chicago, Illinois 60611

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.

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Re: **211 E. Grand Ave.**
       Notification of Inspection

Dear Mr. Collins:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") has informed the Chicago Department of Environment that thorium and/or other radioactive contaminants may be present in a building you own or manage at 211 E. Grand Ave. in Chicago. According to the USEPA, these materials, if present, could pose a risk to human health and the environment. Thorium contaminated soils have already been identified by the USEPA at several other sites near your building, generally, although not exclusively, in an area bounded by Columbus Dr., Grand Ave., McClurg Court and Illinois St. The USEPA believes that the contamination is related to manufacturing processes that took place at 316 E. Illinois St. and 161 E. Grand Ave. when those sites were operated by the Lindsay Light and Chemical Company.

Therefore, pursuant to its authority under §§11-4-020, 11-4-360 and 11-4-1580 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department of Environment serves this notice of inspection of the above-referenced structure. In the inspection, the USEPA will accompany the City to monitor for the presence of thorium and other radioactive contaminants and prescribe remedial or protective measures, if necessary.

Please contact Don Smith of my staff at (312) 744-7311 within five (5) business days of the receipt of this letter regarding the scheduling of this inspection. If you have any health-related questions in connection with thorium, please contact Larry Jensen of the USEPA at (312) 886-5026.

Sincerely,

William F. Abolt
Commissioner

cc: Mort Ames, Department of Law
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